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ANNUAL REPORTS

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OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

1864.

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REPORT.

*Josiah Morse in account with the Town of Henniker as
Treasurer for 1863.*

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To Cash and orders received of Horace Gibson Treasurer for 1862,	\$1225 31
Received of Oliver C. Fisher, interest on taxes,	5 51
Of Harris Campbell, of the school fund,	107 73
Of Selectmen,	960 00
“	1000 00
“	200 00
“	400 00
“	500 00
“	34 17
Of Harris Campbell, for wood sold on the burying ground,	7 13
Of William P. Cressy, collector of taxes, the amount of tax committed to him for co-lection in 1863,	6646 68
Of Wm. P. Cressy, for interest collected on taxes,	32 80
Of Phinehas Danforth, ag't for the town farm,	45 00
Of Selectmen,	254 00
Of Nathan Sawyer, from county,	13 70
Of Liquor Agent,	91 43
Of Phinehas Danforth, from county,	378 39
	\$11,901 85

Audited by the undersigned this twenty-ninth day of February, 1864.

WM. P. CRESSY,	}	Auditing Committee.
C. H. DARLING,		
HIRAM RICE,		

Josiah Morse, aforesaid, in account with the Town of Hennifer as Treasurer for 1863. Cr.

By his receipt for the following orders to Horace Gibson, Treasurer for 1862, viz :

Charles H. Chase, for damages sustained by obstruction of snow,	\$4 00
Paul Morrill, for wood furnished D. Shea in 1862,	1 00
Dr. I. P. Chase, for return of births and deaths in 1862,	1 70
George A. Eastman, for damages sustained by reason of obstructions in the highway,	3 00
Phineas Danforth, for part pay for his services in '62,	20 00
Jonathan Cogswell, for supporting watering trough in '62,	2 50
Mrs. Lasett Cheney, it being for aid rendered the family of Lyman H. Cheney, a volunteer in the service of the United States,	50 00
Paid Mrs. Cynthia Barnes, as aid rendered according to act passed July 4, 1861,	12 00
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ferren, do	100 00
Mrs. Sarah E. Barnes, do	144 00
Mrs. Mary F. Bean, do	150 00
Mrs. Frances M. Scribner, do	75 00
Mrs. Ann R. Ripley, do	50 00
Mrs. Drusilla Smith, do	50 00
Mrs. O. S. Knight, do	25 00
Mrs. Anstiss M. Flanders, do	75 00
Mrs Esther R. Connor, do	50 00
H. Gibson, for C. Knott's family, do	147 00
Mrs. Mary D. Eliott, do	50 00
Mrs. Sarah R. Bowers, do	58 00
Mrs. Harriet N. Green, do	50 00
Mrs. Lasett Cheney, do	68 00
Mrs. Martha Ordway, do	36 00
Mrs. Hannah Hurd, do	56 14
Rufus Howe, it being the amount due on a note against the town, held by the said Rufus Howe,	150 12
Oliver C. Fisher, for the abatement of the taxes of the following persons, viz :	
Alfred A. Barnes, 1 86	Geo. E. Barnes, 1 87
C. H. Bean, 3 59	A. W. Bowers, 4 03
Charles Bell, 1 86	T. Baker, 1 86
Warren Ferren, 1 86	Geo. H. Green, 1 86
H. F. Green, 1 86	Chas. Knott, 1 86
S. C. McAdams, 1 86	J. A. Modica, 1 86

Joshua Ordway,	1 97	Horace Page,	1 86
T. L. Sanborn,	1 86	Robert Wallace,	1 86
		Chas. Wilkins,	1 86 35 64
Phinehas Danforth, it being for balance due for services as town agent for the year 1862,			185 00
Thomas Livingston, for snowing and repairing the bridge at West Henniker,			3 25
J. R. & C. S. Foster, for stationery and goods furnished Chester Bailey,			7 34
D. Warren Cogswell, for services as Moderator for the year 1863,			7 00
Nathan Sawyer, it being for cash paid E. B. S. Sanborn, for stationery, and John Colby for work on bridge in 1862,			3 00
Oliver Pillsbury, for Morrill & Silsby's bill of stationery,			2 00
Jacob R. Foster, it being for bounty as a three years volunteer in the service of the U. S.			150 00
P. B. Cogswell, for printing town report for 1862,			19 00
William D. Harwood, for breaking roads in 1862-3,			6 40
Wyer Gove,	"		1 40
Seth A. Morse,	"		21 52
Elisha Rice,	"		11 85
Moody Tucker,	"		7 80
Moses Dustin,	"		4 60
Nathan Sawyer,	"		3 80
J. J. Huntington,	"		14 00
Thomas B. Adams,	"		9 20
Ebenezer Phillips,	"		1 70
Luther Hathorn,	"		12 20
Thomas L. Chase,	"		12 75
Levi C. Newton,	"		5 70
Andrew D. Favor,	"		4 00
George W. Hoyt,	"		15 75
Seth A. Morse, for abatement of tax in 1862,			25
Moody Tucker, for labor on the highway,			1 00
Abijah Hildreth, for boarding and nursing J. Favor,			4 00
Horace Gibson, for preparing town reports for printing, and journey to Concord,			8 00
William H. Sawyer, for support of watering trough for the year 1862,			1 50
J. Gilman Emery, for abatement on his tax,			2 00
Jeremiah Foster, for plank to repair bridge in highway district No. 4,			1 92

Craig & Smith, for labor on bridge across canal near Howe's bridge, so called, and stone fur- nished,		\$74 03
Caleb D. Perry, for support of Sarah Pressy, in part,		25 00
Paid William H. Smith, Prudential Com. Dist. No. 1,		129 56
Seth A. Morse,	" 2,	58 78
David Chase,	" 3,	64 68
Moses Colby,	" 4,	100 07
David K. Robbins,	" 5,	127 07
Alexander W. Connor,	" 6,	61 71
Martin Phillips,	" 7,	125 53
Robert Harriman,	" 8,	96 14
Micajah Peasley,	" 10,	64 68
Washington C. Cogswell,	" 11,	170 84
William H. Gilmore,	" 12,	45 01
Henry N. Hoyt,	" 13,	34 83
Walter Felch, his proportion of school money,		9 92
George W. Hoyt,	"	11 24
Moses S. Smith for David Reid's	"	4 96
Levi Davis,	"	2 49
Albert C. Clark, for bounty due him for hiring a substitute to serve in the army of the Unit- ed States for three years,		300 00
William B. Fisher,	"	300 00
John L. Garland,	"	300 00
John M. Folsom,	"	300 00
Alonzo J. Chase,	"	300 00
George G. Jones,	"	300 00
Kendall Whitcomb,	"	300 00
George H. Farrar,	"	300 00
George W. S. Dow,	"	300 00
William O. Flanders,	"	300 00
Moses H. Sawyer,	"	300 00
William O. Folsom, for recording valuation and taxes for 1863,		4 00
James P. Baker, for freight on liquors 1862,		3 03
Joshua H. Colby, for furnishing wood for Dor- cas Heath,		8 50
William Adams, for widening road near Hopkin- ton line,		62 00
Ebenezer Hemphill, for plank and stringers for bridge near J. Gutterson's mill,		12 28
Jacob Brown for abatement of tax in part,		20

Seus Sanborn, for support of watering trough,	\$2 00
Thomas Reid, due heirs of David Reid, for work done on new road near Hopkinton line,	40 00
Wells Davis, for abatement of tax in part 1863,	83
Ichabod Connor, for labor on highway,	1 25
Wells Davis, for work on road,	1 00
Frederick Whitney, for interest due on note in favor of Walter C. Whitney,	24 72
Frederick Whitney, for labor on highway,	20 50
Hugh N. Ripley, for aid rendered him as being dependent upon Winford L. Ripley, his son, a volunteer now in the service of the U. S.,	16 00
William H. Smith, for his services as Constable at the annual town meeting, holden March 1863,	2 00
Leonard Wood, for labor on highway in Elisha Rice's district,	2 50
Luther Williams, for abatement on his tax,	40
William O. Folsom, for cash advanced to pay expenses of the burial of Sarah Pressy,	8 00
Selectmen, to pay substitutes,	500 00
Samuel M. Currier, for railing on bridge at West Henniker,	1 00
Samuel M. Currier, for abatement of part of his tax for 1863,	50
Thomas B. Adams, for labor on bridge near John M. Page's,	1 00
Joshua Sanborn, for abatement on his tax,	10 00
Timothy Connor, for interest on note,	57 75
Caleb D. Perry, for support of Sarah Pressy and furnishing clothes,	50 33
Daniel Shae, for sawing wood for Harry B. Ray,	2 75
Francis Hill, for abatement of poll tax in 1863,	1 86
Eri Colby, for 480 feet bridge plank,	3 60
James Wilkins, coffin for child of Harry B. Ray,	4 00
Wm. S. Bickford, gravel for highway in Dis. No. 22,	2 00
Phinehas Danforth, breaking roads in 1863,	3 95
Eldad Harriman, Jr.,	4 60
Horace Berry, cash advanced for labor on highway,	34 35
Mrs. Betsey Bell, labor in family of H. B. Ray,	22 00
Amos Wood, abatement of taxes in part for 1863,	1 10
Wm. E. Cogswell, services as Town Clerk for 1863,	18 00
“ for recording births and deaths, “	3 18
Ebenezer S. Smith, taking care of Town house, set ting glass, furnishing wood, &c.,	7 03

James Wilkins, coffin for Mrs. H. B. Ray,	\$5 00
P. P. Patch, work on highway in Dis. No. 22, 1863,	6 75
Warren Clark, legal advice and services,	8 00
I. P. Chase, attendance and medicine for Wm. B. Swett,	3 75
Catherine Pettingill, abatement of tax in part,	3 11
J. & J. W. Morse, goods furnished H. B. Ray,	54 01
“ “ Wm. B. Swett,	12 82
“ lights furnished at annual meeting for 1863, and stationery for Selectmen,	73
Frederick Whitney, note and interest,	522 10
Bela M. Swett, digging grave for Mrs. H. B. Ray, services at funeral, making gates for centre grave yard, furnishing irons for same, repairing wall, setting posts, digging grave for H. B. Ray's child, and furnishing one pair boots for Jonathan Eastman,	14 75
W. B. Barnes, 8 1-2 lbs. beef furnished H. B. Ray,	74
Franklin T. Huntington, work done on road in his district,	2 80
David Clark, supporting watering trough,	2 00
Alexander Caldwell, “	1 50
“ damaging plough working on road,	4 00
Joshua H. Colby, wood furnished Dorcas Heath,	5 20
Wm. H. Sawyer, supporting water trough,	2 00
Joseph G. Wadsworth, spikes and repairing bridge,	2 24
Oliver C. Fisher, collector, abatement of taxes of the following persons, viz :	
George W. Brown, 1859,	2 75
Charles F. Chapman, 1862,	1 86
Parker P. Patch, 1862,	1 86
Lydia Smith, widow, 1862,	1 29
James Straw, one-half day on burying ground and taking affidavit of Abigail Hardy,	7 76
Wm. P. Cressy, supporting watering trough,	1 25
Josiah Morse, services as Town Treasurer for 1863-4, preparing town reports for printing and journey to Concord,	2 00
G. A. Eastman, wood furnished Harry B. Ray,	25 00
Nathan Sawyer, services as Selectmen for 1863-4,	4 50
“ labor on road and cash advanced for expenses to Concord, &c.,	50 25
	10 12

Harris Campbell, services as Selectman 1863-4,	\$39 25
“ cash advanced for stationery, revenue stamps, medical attendance at Harry B. Ray’s, and attending to four pauper cases,	16 73
Wm. O. Folsom, services as Selectman 1863-4,	37 40
Wm. O. Folsom, cash advanced for stationery, postage and legal advice,	7 75
Wm. P. Cressy, Charles H. Darling and Hiram Rice, auditing town accounts, 1 00 each,	3 00
Paul Morrill, expenses of town officers,	25 00
“ for beef and liquors furnished H. B. Ray,	9 95
William P. Cressy, services as collector for 1863,	50 00
“ for abatement of taxes of the following persons, viz :	
Timothy Driscoll, 2 40	James H. Ellis, 2 40
C. H. Garland, 2 40	Harry B. Ray, 8 15
Robert Whittier, 2 30	Geo. M. Wilkins, 2 40
Chas. Wilkins, 2 40	Frank S. Dodge, 4 90
	Lydia Smith, 1 66 29 11
Charles H. Darling, services as S. S. Committee for 1863-4,	42 25
Phinehas Danforth, services as agent on Town farm for the year 1863,	225 00
Peter Sanborn, State tax,	1393 20
Jeremiah Morse, county tax,	1000 00
Wm. P. Cressy, non resident tax,	23 61
Cash remaining in hands of the Treasurer,	804 47
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	\$11,901 85

Audited by the undersigned this twenty-ninth day of February, 1864.

WM. P. CRESSY,	} <i>Auditing</i>
C. H. DARLING,	
HIRAM RICE,	

Committee.

PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Phineas Danforth, Agent, in account with the Town of Henniker,

Dr.

To Cash remaining in Agent's hands on settlement last year, \$70.86 ;
received for cheese, 17.54; bacon, 5.13; dried apples, 11.28; eggs,
3.17; lard, 9.91; tallow, 3.99; butter, 44.83; neat stock, 200.50;
pasturing, 6.00; potatoes, 4.00; hay, 13.00; chickens, 2.00; bbls.,
.32; cowhide, 6.75; staves, .75; apple sauce, 6.00; apples, .50;
baskets, 10.11; cider, 23.83; soap, .17; veal, 2.65; pigs, 7.20;
calfskins, 2.25; pork, 6.35; labor, 24.42; old iron, 1.00; lead,
1.16; keeping colt, 5.60; bills due 1863, 13.81; timber sold C.
French, 2.00; cider sold John Gove, 2.25. Total, \$509 33

Contra,

Cr.

By paid for molasses, 9.22; tea, 8.45; sugar, 9.30; thread, .68; earth-
en dish, .25; axe helve, .20; rye, 4.40; tin ware, 1.67; brooms,
1.10; pump, 4.00; lead pipe, 1.00; stove back, .70; repair of stove.
.75; pipes, .04; file, .20; medicine, .72; salt, 7.19; saleratus, 1.35;
hoes, 1.70; wheat, 21.69; smut seed, 2.24; grinding grain, .47;
axe, 1.25; oil, 1.85; coffee, .79; potatoes, 13.38; crackers, 2.62;
leather, 4.50; horse collar, 2.50; glass, .36; window, .25, weigh-
ing cattle, .20; blacksmithing, 8.70; plow castings, .90; grass
seed, 1.75; saw bill, .50; spices, .80; nutmegs, .30; meal bags,
.60; sheets, .50; stove, 1.05; lime, .55; liniment, .25; pegs, .05;
veal, 1.00; rennet, .50; labor, 62.72; labor in 1863, 1.96; meat,
9.10; awls, .12; barley, .52; threshing grain, 1.40; beans, 1.87;
boxes, .27; fish, 4.15; whiplash, .20; butter tubs, 1.25; making
cider, 6.77; pasturing, 6.00; postage, .06; nails, .93; flour, 23.00;
boots and shoes, 5.45; scythe stones, .10; sheeting, 9.00; yarn,
1.72; rice, .32; crockery, .95; scythe rifles, .16; naptha, .05;
fly paper, .05; earthen ware, .32; ink, .05; bed ropes, .67; fric-
tion matches, .24; paper, .08; wicking, .15; pepper, .09; twine,
.50; knives, .26; gingham, .30; comb, .10; pass book, .20; print,
7.07; bitters, .47; bar soap, .27; sulphur, .18; pins, .06; strainer
cloth, .25; scythes, 1.74; silesia, .22; crash, .32; starch, .12; bbl.
1.25; use of boar, 1.00; use of bull, 1.00; shoemaking, 1.19; cof-
fin, 4.50; cap, .61; pall bearers, 2.00; doctor's bill, 1.00; digging
grave, 2.50; Rev. N. M. Bailey, attendance at funeral of Jane
Whitney, 1.00; stove circles, .30; mop sticks, .16; coopering, 75;
repairing harness, .25; shorts and meal, 17.10; neat stock, 122.;
asafoetida, .05; use of cow, 3.00; clover seed, 1.92; tobacco, 4.65;
mackerel, 1.25; town treasurer, 45.00, \$486.65
Cash remaining in Agent's hands, 18.43
Bills due the Agent, 4.25
Total, \$509.33

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items
of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report
of the agent for the town's farm, and find the same correctly
cast.

WILLIAM P. CRESSY,
CHARLES H. DARLING, } *Auditing*
HIRAM RICE, } *Committee.*

<i>The Town Farm in account with the Town of Henniker,</i>		DR.
To amount of real and personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen, taken February 22, 1863,		\$3685.87
Interest on the same,		221.15
Agent's compensation,		225.00
Total Dr.,		4132.02
<i>Contra,</i>		CR.
By real estate,		\$2600.00
By personal property as per inventory of Selectmen, taken February 22, 1864, as follows :		
Neat stock and horse, 430.00; shoats, 25.00; fruit, 3.75; vegetables, 3.00; fresh beef, 6.20; potatoes, 46.25; cheese, 11.20; cider, 1.50; vinegar, 2.00; soap and soap grease, 6.25; hams and shoulders, 22 00; salt beef, 11.00; salt pork, 40.00; boiled cider, .50; candles and tallow, 2.88; lard, 4.20; butter, 4.93; flour, 5.00; dried apples, 2.16; hay, 156.00; straw and corn fodder, 4.00; wheat, 2.65; beans, 4.50; peas, 1.00; corn, 65.80; farming tools and furniture, 325.00,		1186.77
Bills due,		4.25
Cash in Agent's hands,		14.45
Cash received by Town Treasurer for support of county paupers at the farm,		378.39
Total Cr.,		\$4187.46
Balance in favor of farm,		\$55.44

Record of Paupers that have been supported at the Farm the past year.

Town Paupers.

David Connor,	80	Robert Marsh,	76
Mary Whitman,	41	L. Campbell, 20 weeks,	66

County Paupers.

Jonathan Eastman, 5 weeks,	82	Jane Whitney, to Dec. 25,	83
Mehitable Keazer,	87	Judith Hardy,	77
Sarah Dolby,	36	Salome Leslie,	47
Betsey Putney,	75	Abigail Hardy, fr. Nov. 4,	72

Finances of the Town.

Due on notes outstanding against the town,	\$18,859 98
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Credit.

Due from the State as State aid,	\$824 00
“ Government as government bounty,	1054 00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	804 47
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	\$2682 47
Balance against the town,	\$16,177 51

REPORT OF SUPT. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT. No. 1. *Summer Term.* Miss SUSIE M. MARSH, Henniker. The examination at the close of the school was of itself a sufficient guarantee for us in saying that Miss Marsh possesses in a happy degree, qualities which are indispensable for a successful teacher. As a matter in course, the school was pleasant and profitable to both teacher and pupil, thereby securing a good degree of improvement.

Winter Term. WILLIAM O. FOLSOM, Henniker. Mr. Folsom is a thorough, energetic and practical teacher, not confining himself to text books, but to principles, which, by the way, is a most desirable qualification. The discipline of the school was unusually good. We did not detect one scholar in the act of whispering during our stay in the school room. Scholars under the care of such a teacher must be dull indeed if they do not make marked progress in their various studies.

DIST. No. 2. *Summer Term.* Mrs. SARAH P. NICHOLS, Henniker. Considering the very limited number of school days meted out to this school, most of the pupils made a very fair progress in their various studies. Mrs. N. is a very industrious teacher, but not possessing those innate characteristics requisite for a good disciplinarian, the order in and out of the school room was not what it otherwise might have been.

Winter Term. Miss ROANNA CHASE, Weare. This was Miss Chase's first effort in teaching—made a very good beginning. Order of the school was good. Considering the irregularity of attendance, the advancement in the various branches of study was very satisfactory.

DIST. No. 3. *Summer Term.* Miss L. MADORA GEORGE, Newbury. Notwithstanding Miss Georges' extreme youth she proved herself not only "apt to teach," but gave unmistakable evidence of her ability to govern. Progress very commendable.

Winter Term. RICHARD L. CHILDS, Henniker. This was Mr. C's first effort in teaching. His greatest fault seemed to be an unwarrantable indulgence at the commencement of the term; believing no doubt in the old maxim that "like begets like," but alas! for "poor human nature," he found out when it was too late for him to establish a strict form of discipline, that it did not prove true in this case. The examination in this school showed plainly that Mr. C. labored earnestly with his pupils, and secured

an average degree of improvement. There is a turbulent spirit "running riot" with some members of this school which will require a strong arm, combined with prompt and decided action on the part of parents and guardians to eradicate.

DIST. No. 4. Summer Term. Miss LIZZIE H. FARRAR, Hillsboro'. Miss F. is a teacher of same experience, and being possessed of a mild and affable disposition, succeeds very readily in gaining the affections of her pupils, thereby rendering their minds easily impressible to her instructions. Progress made, good, by taking into consideration a degree of laxity of discipline which we were sorry to witness.

Winter Term. AMOS COLBY, Hillsboro'. "Order is Heaven's first law." We are of the decided opinion that it must be strictly maintained to insure to the public the greatest amount of good. Mr. C. is a young man of a very mild and amiable disposition, prone to "bear and forbear" to an extent where "forbearance ceases to be a virtue;" his scholars taking advantage from this, (not, however, maliciously inclined,) "went in" *generally*, for a good time, leaving the legitimate purpose for which they were sent to school "out in the cold."

DIST. No. 5. Summer Term. Miss NELLIE M. SAVAGE, Henniker. Miss Savage entered upon her responsible duties as a teacher unaided by any previous experience, but having a very intelligent mind, aided by self possession and an affable disposition, she succeeded in an unusual degree in winding herself into the affections of her pupils, as the many who were present at the closing examination will testify. Notwithstanding some reports derogatory to the discipline of the school, still we think the term a successful one. We learn that Miss S. was very acceptable to a very large majority of the district. Indeed we know of no one who bids fairer to become eminently useful as a teacher.

Winter Term. Miss PHYLINDA C. SCOTT, Peterboro'. Miss S. has been so long and so favorably known in this town as a teacher of *unusual* ability, that eulogism from us would be a mere waste of words.

DIST. No. 6. Summer Term. Miss JOANNA M. CLARK, Henniker. Miss C. possesses an amount of energy and perseverance which would render her very useful in a larger school. Good order was maintained throughout the term—the pupils seemed very attentive to their studies, and of course made good progress.

Winter Term. HARRISON CLARK, Henniker. This was Mr. Clark's first school. We believe he was faithful in his endeavors to succeed in his new vocation, but feel sorry to record that he failed in the realization of his and the hopes of the district, from a want of proper discipline in the management of the scholars.

The *first effort* of some of the most eminent teachers in our country proved to be a total failure, but with an indomitable will they adopted for their motto "Try again" and triumphantly succeeded, and left their more successful competitors at first, far in the back ground. We hope Mr. C. will adopt the above motto as his.

DIST. NO. 7. *Summer Term.* Miss LAVINA O. DODGE, Henniker. We consider Miss Dodge one of our most successful teachers. During our stay in the school-room, not a whisper, nor hardly an unnecessary movement was noticed; an air of quietness and industry pervaded the school to an extent we seldom find equalled. There was a very decided improvement, not only in the various branches attended to, but also in the conduct of the pupils,—thereby giving conclusive evidence that Miss D. has not mistaken her calling.

Winter Term. JOSEPH B. DUSTIN, Hopkinton. Mr. Dustin's sojourn was of short duration,—the principal cause of which may be attributed to his *incapacity to govern*.

The school is still in progress under the care of Miss Addie Dodge; of the progress made we cannot report.

DIST. NO. 8. *Summer Term.* Miss LOUISA H. GIBSON, Henniker. Miss Gibson possesses a happy faculty of gaining the good will of pupils. The closing examination indicated a good degree of improvement. More energy in discipline would have been desirable.

Winter Term. WARREN CLARK, Henniker. Mr. Clark fully sustained his former reputation as an able, energetic, and accomplished teacher. The closing examination gave sufficient proof of untiring industry on the part of the teacher, and close application of the scholar.

DIST. NO. 10. *Summer Term.* Miss JENNETTE CLARK, Henniker. Dist. No. 10 seems to claim the right of Miss O's services by *occupation*. A very good recommendation, truly. The several classes evinced a good degree of proficiency.

Winter Term. Misses J. CLARK, Henniker, A. M. THORNDIKE, Weare, M. S. CAMPBELL, Henniker. The scholars progressed steadily and surely, notwithstanding the frequent change of teachers, caused by sickness in their families. All good teachers; of their comparative qualifications, we will leave for the District to decide.

DIST. NO. 11. *Summer Term.* Miss ELLEN F. CLARK, Hopkinton. Miss Clark fully sustained her former reputation, as one who possesses "ability to govern." The closing examination was very satisfactory, especially the progress made by the small scholars.

Winter Term—not reported.

DIST. No. 12. *Summer Term.* Miss EMILY W. GIBSON, Henniker. Disorder and confusion, are obsolete terms in a school under the charge of Miss Gibson. Order of the school good. The improvement made was very satisfactory.

Winter Term. Miss ORRIETTE V. NESMITH, Bedford. Miss Nesmith gave good satisfaction during her sojourn with the District. Improvement made by her pupils was creditable.

DIST. No. 13. *Summer and Winter Term,* Miss JULIA E. WILSON, Hopkinton. To excite and maintain an interest in so small a school as this, taxes in no small degree all the ingenuity a teacher can command. We are happy to report that Miss Wilson succeeded in this respect in a remarkable degree. The progress made in the various branches of study was of a very marked character.

CONDITION OF OUR SCHOOLS.

We believe an average amount of improvement has been secured during the past year in our schools.

A majority of our teachers have endeavored to discharge the responsible duties they assumed, with fidelity to their employers. Some, we are sorry to believe, looked forward to "pay-day" as the brightest spot in their (teacher's) life. We *do* think that "experience" has or *will* whisper to such, "The school-room is no place for you as a *teacher*."

When we take into consideration the multiplicity of obstacles, viz: home government, jealousy and bickering, which may exist between neighbors, a general apathy of parents in regard to visiting their schools, the great amount of absences and tardinesses as shown by our Registers, miserable school-houses, besides "other articles too numerous to mention," which teachers and pupils *must* surmount in order to make any kind of a show of progress, —we wonder at the advancement that *is* made.

TO PARENTS.

In all kindness and respect, we will offer a few suggestions for your serious consideration. We are well aware that "Duties of Parents," "Incommodious School-houses" &c., are hobbled terms, nevertheless we believe they should be hobbled till they are ridden into reform. Parents, you believe you are the "power behind the throne"—a long experience has taught *us* to believe so to. What a responsibility then is yours! you can by instituting that authority which the God of Nature designed you should exercise over your children, send to the school-room obedient, docile, punctual and industrious scholars. *You* can restore to its proper dignity, the *office* of Prudential Committee, and not permit it longer to be a *nuisance* like that of Highway Surveyor, which must be shouldered by *turns*, being relieved only of the disgraceful burden by the revolving year.

You should exercise the greatest care in your choice of prudential committees, select men of sound judgment, who are interested in the cause of education. They should be men who cannot be influenced either by party intrigue, or the swarm of applicants who besiege them from the moment the arm, by which they took the oath of office assumes its former position, with a pertinacity equalled only by the best adhesive plasters of our modern quacks. Indeed, we think that after teachers have had one term's experience, they should wait till they are notified that their services are required—as most assuredly they will be if they approximate in good degree to the standard of competent teachers—if they do not they had *better wait on*.

Prudential committees should visit their schools often, that they may judge with more accuracy in regard to the qualification of those into whose hands they commit the training and guardianship of the young and rising generation.

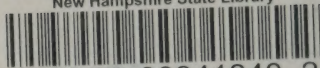
Parents, you can have just about such schools as you choose. Attend to these matters, with the same degree of earnestness and solicitude that you do in advancing your secular interests, and future generations will “arise and call you blessed.”

OUR SCHOOL HOUSES.

It has been reiterated time and again, “they speak for themselves”—we are a firm believer in the statement—nevertheless we would with all candor, submit it to your careful and serious consideration.

To teachers we would say, You have assumed a responsible position; dignify your calling by an earnest and persevering effort for the best good of those committed to your care; be mild but firm in discipline. If you are faithful to the trust committed to you, whether your services are appreciated or not, your highest reward will be the consciousness of having done your duty.

The immortal Webster said, “If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble to dust; but, if we work upon immortal minds,—if we imbue them with right principles, with the just fear of God and our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten for all eternity.”



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TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number of Districts,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	—
Whole No. attending School over 4 years old 2 weeks.	27	13	16	22	35	19	36	28	—	15	43	5	8	263
Average attendance of Scholars during the year.	19	9	10	13	23	11	23	22	—	11	30	4	8	178
Wages of female teachers per month, including board.	30 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33 33	—	—	—
Wages of male teachers per month, including Board.	13 33	12 00	10 00	12 00	28 00	9 00	13 00	14 00	—	12 00	18 00	12 00	14 00	13 33
No. of male teachers employed during the year.	1	—	1	1	2	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	9
No. of female teachers employed during the year.	1	2	1	1	—	1	2	1	1	4	1	2	1	17
No. of teachers who have attended Teachers' Institutes.	2	1	1	2	1	—	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	18
Length of Summer Schools in weeks.	11	6½	8	10½	11	9	12½	9	—	9	11	8	11	116½
Length of Winter Schools in weeks.	11	9½	11	11	11	7	12	9	—	11	13	8	11	113½
Amount of money raised by Town tax for Schools.	117 31	53 25	58 57	90 61	117 31	55 79	122 65	87 05	—	58 57	154 69	40 77	40 77	1027 41
Amount of Literary Fund.	12 25	5 55	6 11	9 46	12 25	5 92	12 80	9 09	3 13	6 11	16 15	4 24	4 24	107 30
Amount appropriated to each Scholars.	4 79	4 52	4 04	4 55	3 70	8 24	8 76	3 43	—	4 31	3 97	9 00	1500	4 52
No. of visits by Superintending Committee.	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	—	5	2	4	2	47
No. visits by Prudential Committee.	1	4	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	12
No. of visits by citizens of the Town.	16	29	94	139	21	45	31	—	—	30	80	20	7	546

Walter Felch, 4 Scholars, — Amount, \$9.92, — schooled in Hopkinton.

David Reid, 2 " " \$4.46, —

George W. Hoit, 2 " " \$11.24, —

Levi B. Davis, 1 " " \$2.49, —

Bradford.

BOOKS USED.—In Reading, Town's Series; in Spelling, Town's Speller; in Arithmetic, Greenleaf's Series; in Geography, Colton & Fitch's; in Grammar, Brown's and Town's; in History, Goodrich's; in Algebra, Davies' Elementary, and Robinson's University.

We certify the foregoing to be a true return of the Schools of this town.

CHARLES H. DARLING, S. S. Committee.